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### PART 1: Review Comments

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<b>Compulsory</b> REVISION comments	<p><b>Abstract</b></p> <p>(1) <b>Sentence 1:</b> The idea of the sentence "This work was aimed at assessing the potential of Ocimum gratissimum as ..... for treatment of processed fish" seems incomplete. Authors should find appropriate word that conveys their thought to complete such.</p> <p><b>Introduction</b></p> <p>(1) <b>Paragraph 1; Lines 1-3:</b> Authors should moderate the usage of same beginning of these sentences. Once used in the first sentence, it suffices to use pronoun in the subsequent usage.</p> <p>(2) <b>Paragraph 2:</b> Following sentence 1, here, authors should in a sentence or two, remark on the traditional methods of fish preservation used by the locals.</p> <p>(3) <b>Paragraph 3; Sentence 3:</b> Authors should provide reference if the statement "There have been reported mixed feelings from consumers over health challenges such as hypertension, cancer and obesity" is not theirs.</p> <p><b>Materials and Methods</b></p> <p>(1) <b>Sample collection and preparation; Sentence 1:</b> Authors should reference if statement "Two different fish samples (catfish and mackerel) that are commonly smoked in Nigeria" is not theirs.</p> <p>(2) <b>Sentence 3:</b> Authors should state if the specimen voucher was deposited at the said department after its identification.</p> <p>(3) <b>Smoking process; Sentence 3:</b> Following sentence 3, authors should inform their readers about the feature/s was/were used to determine end point of the smoking process.</p> <p>(4) <b>2.4 - Determination of proximate composition and 2.5 - Determination of mineral properties:</b> Aside the mention of the methods adopted, brief description of each task is necessary.</p> <p><b>Results and Discussion</b></p> <p>(1) <b>3.1 - Proximate compositions of the fish samples - Paragraph 2; Sentence 1, Paragraph 3; Sentence 2, Paragraph 4; Sentence 1 and Paragraph 5 Sentence 1:</b> Here, authors should cite (Table 1) to close the sentence.</p> <p>(2) <b>3.2 - Mineral compositions of the fish samples; End of Paragraph 1:</b> Authors should cite table 2 to close sentence.</p> <p>(3) <b>Paragraph 2; Sentence 1:</b> Authors to confirm if the statement "There was a decrease in the magnesium while sodium and potassium increased in both fish samples as the concentration of extract increased" is what they meant and Table 2 to close sentence.</p> <p>(4) <b>Paragraph 2; Sentence 2:</b> Following sentence 2, authors should check for correct spelling of the authors "Ajay [18]" cited.</p> <p>(5) <b>Paragraph 3; Sentence 1 and Table 2 Last Column:</b> Authors should confirm the mineral being referred to "iodine" "iron". In any case, discussion of iodine as a nutrient mineral in fish is not out of place, but iron needs to be discussed as it was among parameters determined in this study.</p> <p>(6) <b>3.3 - Sensory evaluation of the fish samples; Sentence 4:</b> Following sentence 4, authors should cite (Table 3) to close sentence.</p> <p><b>Conclusion</b></p> <p>(1) <b>Last sentence:</b> Authors may consider adding the clause ".....on smoked fish and mackerel, regarding their nutritional benefits especially regarding the quality retention and improvement" to conclude sentence.</p> <p><b>References: -</b></p>	
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